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In re application of:
LO et al DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/243,433
Filed: February 3, 1999

For: MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR MAKING TUNGSTEN-PLUG
IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE WITHOUT VOLCANO
PHENOMENA

This is a decision on the petition received November 8, 2001, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed March 3, 1999. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned May 4, 1999. A notice of abandonment was mailed on October 10, 2001.

On November 8, 2001, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Part on April 23, 1999.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application on April 23, 1999.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

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The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 2812.

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